

# eQuester

Wisconsin Dressage & Combined Training's Monthly Newsletter

## Rosebury Farm Clinic with Martin Kuhn

By Melinda DeLuca

I always look forward to watching a dressage clinic. I had the opportunity to watch a really fine clinic on Saturday, April 9 with clinician Martin Kuhn of Illinois. The clinic was hosted by Rosebury Farm in Mukwonago.

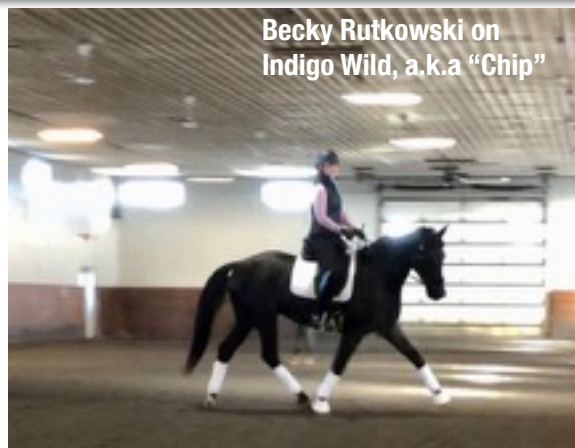
Dressage clinics are especially interesting to watch when the clinicians are clearly able to explain what they expect the rider to accomplish. A clinician as skilled as Martin Kuhn helps both the rider and observer understand what is necessary to improve.

I think it's valuable to audit dressage clinics, as I'm able to focus on the instruction that is given and see the results of the change in the horse's movement.

The main focus of this clinic was helping riders keep the correct connection with the outside rein. The outside rein connection maintains balance with the horse and turns the horse. Over-bending the horse's neck is a problem.

Martin talks about how the more the horse's neck bends, the less the horse's body will bend, making the shoulder-in and half pass more difficult. The outside rein should be elastic but fixed, so you can drive the horse into it. While riding all the exercises and the transitions, Martin emphasizes not giving away the outside rein.

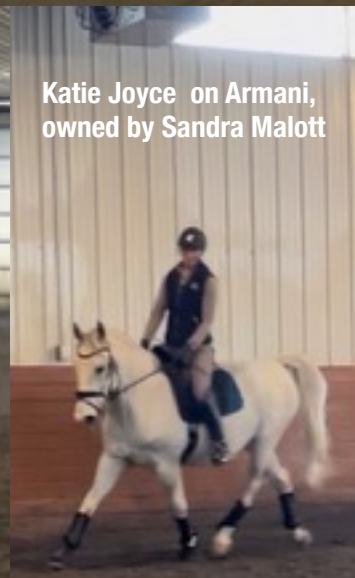
He also talked about how the quality of the transition is far more important than the length of time the gait is maintained and how you need to let a very hard-working, keen horse relax to take the pressure off between exercises.



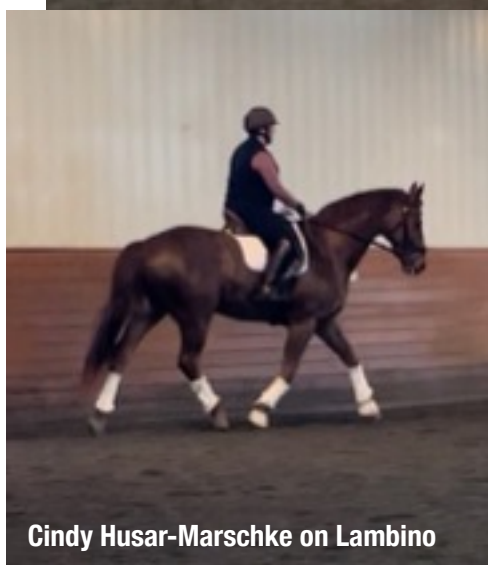
Becky Rutkowski on Indigo Wild, a.k.a "Chip"



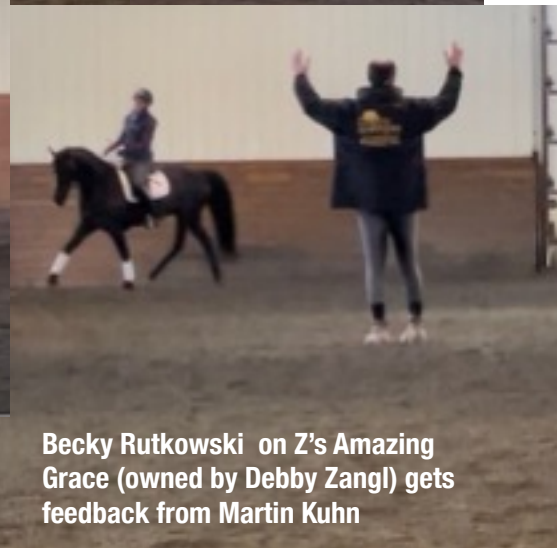
Jaci Wenz on Tiroler a.k.a "Toto" owned by Katie Joyce



Katie Joyce on Armani, owned by Sandra Malott



Cindy Husar-Marschke on Lambino



Becky Rutkowski on Z's Amazing Grace (owned by Debby Zangl) gets feedback from Martin Kuhn



## The World of Activities is Opening Up

Even with the rise in Covid cases, due to the new variant, people are stepping out, but being careful. I'm still wearing a mask when I go into enclosed public spaces, but I'm thankful my passion—dressage—is an outdoor activity like all the other horse sports.

And with that theme, it's great chapters and members are organizing meetings and clinics!

### Caryn Vesperman Editor

All advertisements, articles and photographs (with photo release) should be submitted by the 15th of the preceding month of publication, unless you make prior arrangements for additional time.

Calendar of events will appear in both the eQuester and on the WDCTA website.

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The Southwest Chapter, for example, is taking a big step forward by taking the hold off the Laura Graves Symposium, postponed since October 2020. It is now scheduled for May 20-21, 2023!

Why not schedule it sooner? Lots of reasons, but first and foremost, when looking at dates that Laura and the Alliant Energy Center were both available, only one date worked, so the chapter snapped it up.

In addition, a lot has to be decided on to get ready. Deadlines and prices have to be finalized, riders have to apply and be selected, vendors and sponsors have to be attracted, and the facility has to be ready to accept an anticipated group of a couple of hundred auditors.

What has Laura been up to for the past two years? She's been competing at a few shows with some up-and-coming horses, and she had a baby last December. I saw a few of her rides in Florida as a spectator and a scribe. For more details, see the following page in this newsletter.

Watch this newsletter, our website, Facebook pages and emails from your chapter presidents for information on upcoming events.

Here's to more horse and educational adventures in 2022 and the years after. Also, don't forget to sign up for the awards program before your first show. See the end of the newsletter or the website for the forms. As always, if you have any questions, get in touch with the awards chair, Joann Williams (contact info on the forms).

As always, stay safe and stay on,

*Caryn*

# Laura Graves Coming to Madison in 2023, and What She's Been Up to Lately

*For the last two years, Laura has been busy with showing horses and having a baby less than five months ago. Following are some details taken from an interview with her, distributed via a press release from Crypto Aero (the company that makes the feed Laura uses for her horses).*

Olympic medal-winning dressage superstar Laura Graves knows the best-laid plans for new mothers and equestrians can change quickly. After the birth of daughter, Mackenzie Elaine Maes, in mid-December, she's had to re-organize her life.

"It's like a whole new planning schedule," she said. "My husband and I each have our own businesses, and we were just full tilt all the time. And now we can't just be like, 'OK, I'm going to leave for four days. I'll see you.'"

Laura added that she hopes her daughter is on the tail end of her sleep regression and that long-awaited and uninterrupted sleep will soon be in the family's future.

"I was talking with [USEF Director of Dressage] Hallye Griffin and she was like, 'My son is sleeping 12 hours now.' I was like, 'Don't speak to me right now,'" she laughed.

Mother and daughter were in Wellington, FL, at the Adequan Global Dressage Festival (AGDF) for the late-March CDI4\* with SenSation HW, a 2003 Westfalen gelding (Sunday-Dancier) owned by Carol McPhee. Laura and SenSation were on board for the FEI 4\* Prix St. Georges, but she withdrew from competition when the horse had a skin issue exacerbated by the tropical south Florida weather.

"So, in the interest of managing his skin and being ready for the next show, I decided to pull him," she



**Laura Graves on Verdades at the World Equestrian Games in 2018.**

said. "It was a big bummer because he's been schooling really well, and he actually schooled at Global really well. It's really disappointing, because you don't travel and you don't get prepared with that kind of anticipation, and then not go."

She said she and SenSation are close to qualifying for the 2022 Festival of Champions slated for Aug. 22-28 at the Lamplight Equestrian Center in Wayne, IL.

"That's our big goal this year," she said. "Then I also have a handful of other super nice and talented young horses, and the goal is just to be building them all. When they're ready, we'll take them out."

She added that she's spoiled in that she doesn't take on any horses in her barn unless she believes they are team-quality. "I have one client who was my very first

client when I went out on my own, and I have two horses for her and then the rest are, hopefully, top team horses," she said, adding the horses she does have in training are owned by some amazing individuals.

With her busy life, Laura tries to streamline her schedule by making things easier in the barn.

"First and foremost, my barn has to be clean, and that doesn't just mean how we run it, but that means everything I put into my horses has to be regulated," she said. "I've had too many people that I know be in trouble for contaminated things that have been traced back to their feed or their supplements. That's just too risky for me. Like I said, all these horses are hopefully for teams and it's just not a risk I'm willing to take."



# Kathleen Raine Dressage Clinic

## June 4 – 5, 2022

At Lindinhof Equine Sports Zentrum,  
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Kathleen Raine has been a central figure in competitive dressage in the U.S. for nearly two decades. She has represented the U.S. in international competitions many times, competed in the sport's most prestigious events, and won numerous championships at all levels. In 1994, Kathleen and her Dutch gelding Avontuur were members of the Bronze medal winning U.S. Dressage Team at the FEI World Equestrian Games. Also in 1994, she and Avontuur were the U.S. League Final Champions and attended the FEI World Cup Finals, placing fifth. In both 1996 and 2000, Kathleen was an alternate for the U.S. Dressage Team at the Olympic Games. In 2006, Kathleen and Breanna won the six-year-old division at the Markel/USEF Young Horse Dressage Western Selection Trials for the FEI World Breeding Championship. In January 2011, Breanna made her first Grand Prix appearances at Dressage Getaway, winning their first two classes. They went on to qualify and compete at Gladstone where they placed fourth. After Gladstone, USEF awarded Kathleen a grant to train and compete in Europe for six weeks. In 2012, Kathleen and Breanna have consistently been in the top three in the California CDI Grand Prix and Grand Prix Specials. In 2013 Kathleen and Breanna led the U.S. Team to a Second Place finish at the Dressage at Hickstead CDIO3\* FEI Nations Cup. Kathleen also is in demand for clinics all over the U.S.. Her students win numerous championships at every level, and some have gone on to start their own successful training businesses. When in Europe, Kathleen works with Jo Hinnemann and at home, with Christine Traurig. Kathleen and her husband, David Wightman, own and operate Adventure Farms training facility in Murrieta, CA.

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## State Board Profiles

# Getting to Know Our Volunteers

## Morgan Winter

### State Board Position:

Member at Large

### Why do you volunteer for WDCTA?

I volunteer for WDCTA because it's a fun way to get more involved in my greatest passion, horses!

### City you live in:

Milwaukee

### Horse(s):

I don't currently own my own horse, but am having so much fun riding Mikasa's Bold Storm (George) owned by Debby Zangl. George is a Friesian/Morgan/Arab cross who is 21 years young!

### Discipline: I

I've been riding dressage for the last 15 years.

### Current Trainer and/or clinician:

I train with Becky Rutkowski at Rosebury Farm.

### Most fun thing that has happened while riding:

Some of my favorite memories were on outdoor rides with my much loved Quarter horse, Smoothie, who sadly passed on last summer. He was always happy and super reliable outside, unless he encountered his number one enemy: giant horse flies. One memory that really makes me smile was grazing outdoors with some barn friends and our horses, after a long day of showing at Silverwood. We encountered a particularly large horse

fly and I, knowing how upset Smoothie would be if he got bit, took off with him on foot to get away from the fly. My friends and their (unbothered) horses got a good chuckle at the sight of me and Smoothie jogging away from our would-be attacker!

### Riding advice that really helped:

A couple of great tips my trainer, Becky, has given me are the importance of rider position in the saddle, and checking any stress and emotions from the day at the arena door! It's amazing how our horses can truly feel everything.

### Something people might not know about you:

In addition to horses, I also love dogs. My family has a three-year-old Great Pyrenees named Jasper, who is a 125-lb. goofy fluff ball!

### Something I always have in my refrigerator:

Pickles!



Smoothie and Morgan Winter

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## Melinda DeLuca

### State Board Position:

President and Secretary. I was also the Kettle Moraine Chapter president for four years.

### Why do you volunteer for WDCTA?

When I retired 9-½ years ago, I said to myself, I have been a member of WDCTA for about 18 years, so maybe since I have more time now, I should help out. I went to a WDCTA board meeting. At the meeting, they said they needed a state secretary, so here I am nine years later.

### Horses:

I currently own a 27-year-old Friesian. Friesians are black horses, but Lucas now has a lot of grey hair on him and is retired. I had two other Friesians, but due to unfortunate circumstances, they are no longer with me. I am looking to purchase another horse to continue riding.

### Discipline:

Before my husband and I moved to Wisconsin 30 years ago, I had a very calm Appendix Quarter Horse I rode eventing, trials and in a parade. Now I want to continue dressage and trail riding, once I buy my next horse.

### Current Trainer and/or Clinicians:

I have boarded my horses at Rosebury Farm in Mukwonago for the last 13 years. I take lessons from Katie Joyce who owns the farm with her husband, Chris.

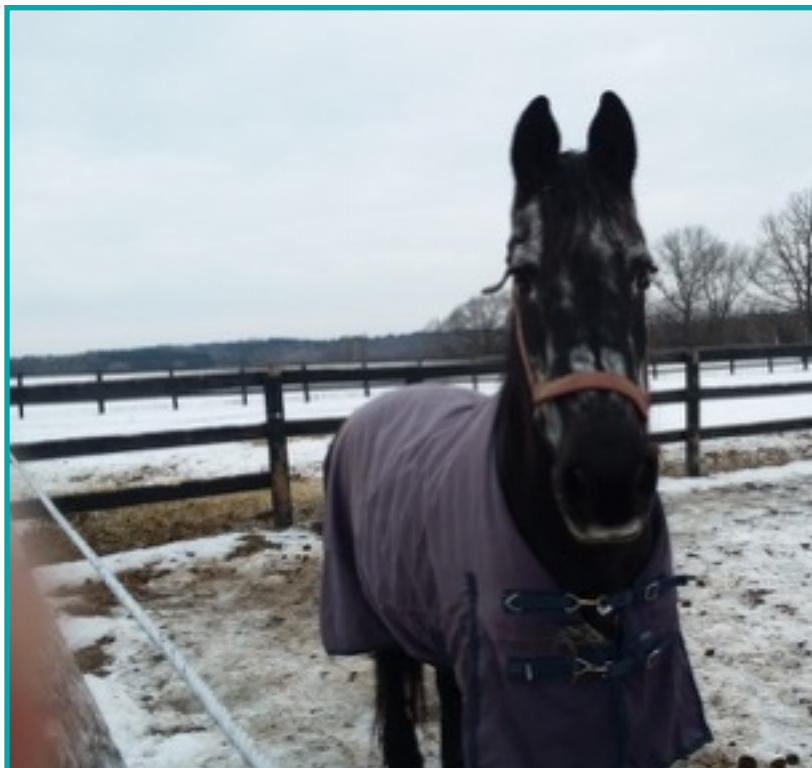
### Something people might not know about you:

I'm a chemical engineer, and I married a chemical engineer almost 40 years ago. I was an engineering consultant before moving to Wisconsin. I then worked for Miller Brewing Company for 21 years.

### Something I always have in my refrigerator:

My husband is a great cook, so there is always something yummy to eat.

(Below) Melinda's retired Friesian, Lucas, and (right) Melinda with her barn friend.



# What is it about Spring Grass that Makes My Horse's Body Grumble?



For most horsemen, spring is a welcome season. Among other reasons, spring brings the green up of pastures. While grass seems the most natural of feedstuffs for horses and ponies, it can stir up health concerns in susceptible individuals.

When it comes to consumption of spring pasture, horses and ponies hardly hold back; horses can consume over 3% and ponies up to 5% of body weight daily.

“Given that horses and ponies usually consume 1.5-2% of their body weight in forage and feed to maintain body weight, these numbers alone explain why horse owners run into problems with lush grass,” said Kathleen Crandell, Ph.D., a nutritionist with Kentucky Equine Research.

Despite its nutritional benefits, spring grass can be high in sugar and starch, depending on the type of grass. “Levels of nonstructural carbohydrates (NSC) as high as 40% dry matter have been recorded in certain grasses. Cool season perennials — like ryegrass, timothy, orchard-grass, bluegrass — are especially predisposed to

accumulating sugars and fructans,” explained Crandell.

Let’s review some of the common issues that can spring up along with green grass.

**Colic.** Access to pasture is generally associated with a decreased risk of colic. When it comes to spring grass, though, colic risk rises, primarily due to changes that occur in the gastrointestinal environment consequent to overconsumption. Issues arise because the high carbohydrate content of lush grass may cause rapid fermentation of fiber in the hindgut, upsetting the microbial balance and causing excessive gas production.

With any shift in the microbial population of the digestive tract, an increase in gas-producing microbes can occur. The microbes that ferment sugars and fructans produce copious amounts of gas.

“If there is good flow to the digesta in the tract, which is often the case with high-moisture spring grass, the gas will be easily expelled, although it may cause mild discomfort,” Crandell said.

She added, “Horses that are on pasture 24/7 during the winter and into the spring as the grass begins to green up have fewer problems than those who are suddenly introduced to grass because the intestinal microbiome has time to adapt to the changes gradually.”

Further, certain horses may have a problem transitioning from a high-fiber diet of hay or mature grass to lush grass, which has a much lower fiber content. Lack of fiber may cause intestinal upset. This is one reason why many owners offer hay to horses at the same time they’re consuming lush pasture grasses.

**Laminitis.** Several modes of action may cause laminitis depending on the individual horse and its susceptibility. One chain of events involves the hindgut. When a horse consumes spring grass, some of the sugar in it bypasses digestion in the small intestine and ends up in the hindgut. This produces a bloom of lactate-producing gram-negative bacteria that rapidly ferments the sugar and fructans.

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## Green Grass continued

The by-product of this fermentation is increasing amounts of lactic acid, which drop the pH of the hindgut. As the pH decreases, other microbes die, releasing endotoxins, reactive amines, and exotoxins into the bloodstream. These are thought to adversely affect circulation, increase inflammation, and destroy lamellar basement membranes in the hooves, causing laminitis.

Another mode of action implicates insulin dysregulation. Consumption of high-sugar grasses causes a rise in blood glucose, which triggers a release of insulin in an attempt to reduce glucose levels by helping to usher it into cells. If a horse or pony is insulin resistant, this mechanism malfunctions, so the pancreas releases more insulin, gradually increasing levels of insulin in the bloodstream. This hyper-insulinemia triggers alterations in blood flow to the hoof, boosts expression of lamellar pro-inflammatory cytokines that activate inflammation, and alters glucose metabolism within the hoof lamellae.

**Loose manure.** A change in manure is common when horses consume lush spring grass, most likely because of the

elevated water content of grasses, which can reach 85%. If the horse's manure has green-cowpie consistency when first allowed to graze in the springtime, then the cause is probably the new diet, not disease, Crandell said.

However, horses can develop pathological diarrhea, particularly if they are allowed full-on access to spring grass without acclimation. A dramatic shift in the makeup of the hindgut microbiome, as described previously, can make the horse more susceptible to blooms of pathogenic bacteria that naturally reside in the hindgut. Always consult with a veterinarian when drastic changes occur in a horse's manure, especially if it is watery and lasts more than a day or two.

**Wood-chewing.** Horses require fiber in their diets. Because springtime grass contains little fiber, some horses will look elsewhere to satisfy this need. Horses often chew fence boards or rip bark from trees as a way to consume more fiber. Horses may colic from eating indigestible wood, possibly as a result of impaction.

Safe springtime turnout requires planning. According to Crandell, management strategies include:

- Gradually acclimating horses unaccustomed to spring pasture by allowing more and more turnout per day and feeding hay the remainder of the day. Start with 20-30 minutes of exposure on the first day of grazing and then increase by 30 minutes every one to two days. Again, this would not be necessary if the horse has access to the pasture throughout the entire transition from winter to spring.
- Using a grazing muzzle to slow the consumption of the fresh grass.
- Continuing to offer hay to horses on pasture to give them more fiber. A flake or two is usually enough to discourage wood-chewing.
- Feeding a research-proven hindgut buffer like EquiShure two to three times a day throughout springtime. EquiShure keeps the pH of the hindgut steady, decreasing the likelihood of sweeping shifts in the microbial population.

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***Article reprinted from the Mar. 21, 2022 issue of Equineews, the newsletter from the Kentucky Equine Research Company.***



# OLYMPIC DRESSAGE RIDER, LAURA GRAVES, COMING TO MADISON!

May 20-21, 2023  
Alliant Energy Center

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the  
Date!



Laura Graves started out with a pony and a dream. Later, with determination, work and a horse she bought as a foal off a video, she became an international rider, representing the United States at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro (earning a Bronze team medal) and numerous World Cup Finals all over the world. She was also ranked #1 in the world with a record-breaking musical freestyle performance.

Eight riders will be selected to ride, and auditors will enjoy the clinic, as well as shopping at the vendor fair—all under one roof at the climate-controlled venue, the Alliant Energy Center.

For more information on applying to ride, auditor registration, and being a sponsor or vendor at this event, follow the WDCTA Facebook pages and the WDCTA website at [wdcta.org](http://wdcta.org).

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*Growing Together*



## **Rules for the drawing:**

1. A “new” member is defined as someone who was not a WDCTA member in 2021.
2. The new member must include your name as their Referring Person on their membership form when they send it in.
3. We will not be adding referral names retroactively, after the membership form has already been submitted.
4. Referring members must be current 2022 adult members of WDCTA to qualify for this drawing.
5. New members who joined before this announcement, who already included the name of their referring member, will automatically have their referring member’s name included in the drawing.
6. Successful referral of one Individual or Business membership will give you one chance in the drawing. Successful referral of a Junior or Young Rider (they must give their birth date on their application form!) will earn you two chances in the drawing. A successful Family membership will earn you one chance for the new adult members plus two chances for each qualifying Junior or Young Rider. (Again, birth dates are required for Juniors and Young Riders.)
7. Junior and Young Riders must include their birth dates on their application form when they send it in.
8. There is no limit to how many entries you can earn by successful referrals of new people who join WDCTA.
9. All new memberships and payments must be received *no later than Sept. 25, 2022!*

**Talk to your friends and boarding buddies who may be interested in the many benefits of being a WDCTA member.  
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# Calendar of Events

WDCTA Events

**May 20-21, 2023**

Laura Graves Symposium  
Sponsored by the WDCTA  
Southwest Chapter  
Location: Alliant Energy Center

Other Events

**June 4-5**

Kathleen Raine Clinic  
Location: Lindinhof Equine  
Sports Zentrum  
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**Sept. 8-11**

Region 4 Regional  
Championships  
National Equestrian Center  
Lake St. Louis, MO

**Sept. 14-18**

Region 2 Regional  
Championships  
Waterloo Hunt Club  
Grass Lake, MI

**Nov. 10-13**

US Dressage Finals  
Kentucky Horse Park  
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Standing Section B Welsh stallion, Too Cute to Shoot, bay, 13.2 h, cuter than a bug's ear and several times qualified for USDF breeding championships. In 2018, was third in halter for Welsh Association.

**Tracey Dikkers - USEF/USDF "r" Judge**  
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Will teach through 2nd level, earned USDF Bronze medal, trained through 4th Level. Served in the past on USDF education committee, USEF steward. Will travel.

### **Megan McIsaac**

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FEI trainer, USDF-certified instructor thru 4th Level, 2014 national champion with Kingsley. USDF Gold, Silver, Bronze medalist, all USDF bars. Competed four horses at GP. Competed successfully at Dressage at Devon and West Coast Festival. Year-end USDF, USEF, WDCTA awards. 15+ years teaching experience. Students competed through GP, earned rider awards and medals. Travel for lessons and clinics.

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USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold medalist, regional championships: Training through Grand Prix on self-trained horses. Multiple students have earned Bronze and Silver medals. Schoolmasters available. Trailering in for lessons welcome. Available for clinics; travel for lessons.

### **Kate Van Sicklen**

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## 2022 DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

### I. Dressage Awards

- Divisions are defined as Junior/Young Rider (Jr/YR), Open and Adult Amateur
- Applicants may only compete in one Division per competition season.
- A Horse of The Year award will be awarded one for each of the following divisions Training – First level; Second – Fourth level; FEI levels.
- Levels are defined as In-Hand, Musical Freestyle, Materiale, Young Horse Tests, Rider Tests and Intro through Grand Prix.
  - A. A Junior/Young Rider (Jr/YR) is anyone that has not reached his/her 22nd birthday by January 1st of the award year.
  - B. Adult Amateurs must have an US Equestrian Federation (USEF) Amateur card or sign a WDCTA amateur affidavit. The card or affidavit must be included with the entry. If you enter as an Amateur but do not include the necessary proof of amateur status, you will be entered in the Open division.
  - C. A champion and reserve champion will be named for each division at each level of competition -- Introductory through FEI.
  - D. Maiden awards are only open to those HORSES in their first year of showing at Introductory (Intro) Level through Grand Prix. Only one award will be given at each level for all divisions combined.
  - E. One Champion and one Reserve Champion Musical Freestyle award will be given for First through FEI levels combined.

### II. In-Hand Sport Horse Breed Awards

- A. A young horse is filly, colt or gelding 3 years of age or younger.
- B. A mature horse is a mare or stallion 4 years of age or older.
- C. Amateur Handler Award
- D. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be named for Young Horse Filly, Young Horse Colt/Gelding, Amateur Handler, Mature Horse Mare and Mature Horse Stallion.

### III. Registration and Eligibility

- A. The rider and owner of the horse must be members in good standing of WDCTA at the time scores are earned.
- B. For in-hand classes, the handler does not need to be a WDCTA member, nor is it necessary to have the same handler for each class in order to qualify for year-end awards.
- C. A horse and rider combination may win an award or championship at any given level more than once. For In-hand Sport Horse Awards, Mature Horse (Mare/Stallion) may win more than once.
- D. Championship registration for each horse and rider combination must be postmarked at least 1 day prior to the first show from which they plan to submit scores.
- E. A fee of \$25.00 for each level must be paid for each horse and rider combination to be eligible for championships. If competing for a Maiden award at any level, an additional fee of \$25 must be paid. Only one award is given for all divisions at that level for maiden even if there are two riders competing the horse. There is no fee for the Horse of The Year award. (Note: if entering via PayPal, there is an additional cost.
- F. The Awards Chair must be notified in writing and fees paid if adding a level later in the year and prior to scores earned at that additional level.
- G. All registrations are for the show year December 1 through November 30.
- H. Registration is not necessary for the Horse of The Year award. Winning horses will be chosen from the eligible entries. To qualify for the Horse of The Year award, **ALL SCORES MUST BE EARNED AT USDF/USEF-RECOGNIZED SHOWS.**

## DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

### IV. Qualification for Dressage Championships

- A. The horse/rider combination must have three qualifying scores from three different judges from two different shows. At least two of the qualifying scores submitted must come from USEF/USDF-recognized competitions. Only one may be from a schooling show. Remember, scores from "L" candidates and "r" judges are accepted through 2nd level. Scores from "R" judges are accepted through 4th level, and scores from "S" judges are accepted through Grand Prix.
- B. Scores must be: minimum of 60% at Intro through 4th level and minimum of 58% at PSG and above.
- C. Scores must be from USEF, FEI or USDF tests. The scores will be averaged.
- D. Scores must be earned at USEF/USDF-recognized shows, open to all breeds. At least one qualifying score submitted must be from a USEF/USDF-recognized show held in Wisconsin. One test score must be from the highest test for the level (e.g. Training Level Test 4).
- E. Scores for the Maiden award may be from any test for the level.
- F. If scores from a Regional Championship class are submitted, where more than one judge scored the ride, all scores must be averaged and will count as only one score.
- G. Scores from Junior or Young Rider Team Tests will be accepted as long as the Team Test exactly matches the level test for which the Team Test is being submitted.
- H. When a clinic is run in conjunction with a schooling show, using the show's judge as the clinician, the show must be held BEFORE the clinic in order for the rider's scores to qualify for year-end awards.
- I. The rider must send to the Awards Chair either the horse's USDF Score Sheet with their three chosen scores highlighted or a "GOOD QUALITY" photocopy of the original test for each qualifying score. Photocopy must clearly state the show name, horse and rider, class, date, judge, score and judges signature. Photocopy does not have to include individual movement scores and comments.
- J. Scores must be postmarked on or before November 30. Scores may be submitted via email; a reply will be sent indicating your results were received. Scores may also be sent through the U.S. Postal Service. If you want notification that the awards chair received your scores when sent through the postal service, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with your score sheets.
- K. For the Horse of the Year award, all of the above qualifications must be met, PLUS ALL SCORES MUST BE EARNED AT USDF/USEF-RECOGNIZED SHOWS.

### V. Qualification For In Hand Sport Horse and Amateur Handler Championships

- A. The horse/handler must have two qualifying scores from two different judges, at two different shows. Both judges must have an USEF Sport Horse Judge license.
- B. Scores must be earned from USEF/USDF-recognized shows, open to all breeds. At least one qualifying score submitted must be from a USEF/USDF-recognized show held in Wisconsin.
- C. Scores may be from Sport Horse Prospect In-Hand classes and/or Breeding stock In-Hand classes. Scores will be averaged.
- D. The owner must send to the Awards Chair either the horse's USEF/USDF Score Sheet with their two chosen scores highlighted or a good quality photocopy of the original score sheet for each qualifying score. Photocopy must clearly state show name, horse and rider, class, date, judge, score and judge's signature. Photocopy does not have to include individual movement scores and comments.
- E. **Postmark must be on or before November 30.** Email will also be accepted.
- F. Send self-addressed stamped postcard with score sheets; Awards Chair will return postcard when results are received. This will be the only notification that results were received.

**NOTE: No refunds after the awards application and payment are submitted.**

**Show managers:** If you want your show listed on the WDCTA website and in its monthly newsletter, please send your show information (date, name of show, show location, judge's name, show secretary's name and contact information) to [newsletter@wdcta.org](mailto:newsletter@wdcta.org).



## 2022 WDCTA Western Dressage Championship Awards

### Dressage Awards:

- A. A champion, reserve champion and 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> places will be awarded for each level.
- B. One freestyle champion, reserve champion and 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place will be awarded for all WDAA Freestyle test levels combined (Intro - Level 5).
- C. Open, Adult Amateur and JR/YR will be combined into one Division, defined as “Open.”
- D. Levels are defined as Intro through Level 5, using the current Western Dressage Association of America tests found at <http://westerndressageassociation.org>.
- E. The horse/rider combination must have three qualifying scores from three different judges from two different shows. WDCTA will accept scores from WDAA- or USEF-recognized shows and from schooling shows, but judges must be USDF "L" Graduates, USEF Western Dressage Licensed or USEF “r” or higher.
- F. Scores must be a minimum of 60% at Intro through Level 5.
- G. Scores must be from WDAA tests only. The scores will be averaged.
- H. Scores must be earned at schooling shows, WDAA-recognized and/or USEF/WDAA-recognized shows. Classes ridden must be open to all breeds. WDCTA does not recognize virtual shows for this awards program.
- I. One test score must be from the highest test for the level.
- J. When a clinic is run in conjunction with a schooling show, using the show's judge as the clinician, the show must be held BEFORE the clinic in order for the rider's scores to qualify for year-end awards.
- K. The rider must send to the Awards Chair a good quality photocopy of the original test for each qualifying score. Photocopy must clearly state the show name, horse and rider, class, date, judge, score and judges signature. Photocopy does not have to include individual movement scores and comments.
- L. Scores must be postmarked on or before Nov. 30. Email is accepted. No exceptions.
- M. If receipt confirmation of scores is desired, send self-addressed stamped postcard with score sheets; Awards Committee will return postcard when results are received. This will be the only notification that results were received.

### Registration and Eligibility:

1. The rider and owner of the horse must be members in good standing of WDCTA at the time scores are obtained.
2. Championship registration for each horse and rider combination must be postmarked at least 1 day prior to the start of the first show from which they plan to submit scores.
3. A fee of \$25.00 for each level must be paid for **each horse and rider combination** to be eligible for championships. If applying via PayPal, an additional fee will be charged.
4. The recorder/awards chair must be notified in writing and fees paid if adding a level or division later in the year and prior to scores earned at that additional level.
5. All registrations are for the show year December 1 through November 30.
6. A champion and reserve champion will be named for each division at each level of competition.

***NOTE: No refunds after the awards application and payment are submitted.***



## 2022 WDCTA WESTERN DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP APPLICATION

Western Championship registration open to WDCTA members in good standing.

**FORM AND CHECK MUST BE POSTMARKED at least 1 DAY PRIOR TO START OF FIRST SHOW.**

Please read WDCTA Western Dressage Championship Rules, on the website, prior to competition year.

\*\*One form for each Horse and Rider combination. Please print neatly.\*\*

<b>HORSE INFORMATION</b>	
Name _____ Breed _____ Sex _____ Date of Birth _____	
<b>RIDER INFORMATION</b>	<b>OWNER INFORMATION</b>
Name _____	Name _____
Street Address _____	Street Address _____
City/St/Zip _____	City/St/Zip _____
Phone _____	Phone _____
Email _____	Email _____
<b>AWARD INFORMATION</b>	
Rider Division (circle appropriate division, or circle both) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 100%;"> <span>Open</span> <span>Freestyle</span> </div>	
WDAA Award Level for Open Division (circle all that apply) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 100%;"> <span>Intro</span> <span>Basic</span> <span>Level 1</span> <span>Level 2</span> <span>Level 3</span> <span>Level 4</span> <span>Level 5</span> </div>	
Highest level horse shown by any rider in any country _____	

**APPLICATION FEES:**

	# Levels ____ @ \$25 each	\$
	Freestyle Division @ \$25	
<i>NOTE: No refunds after the awards application and payment are submitted.</i>	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$
<b>PAYMENT</b>		

**Sizes for possible awards:**

Horse: Blanket \_\_\_\_\_ Halter \_\_\_\_\_ Rider: Jacket \_\_\_\_\_ Belt \_\_\_\_\_

Send form with payment to:

Joann Williams  
 W3580 Scotch Bush Rd  
 Elkhorn, WI 53121-3302  
 Email: [western@wdcta.org](mailto:western@wdcta.org)  
 Phone: 414-378-2231

Please enclose:

- Completed Western Dressage Awards Application
- Check made out to: "WDCTA"
- Check that both owner and rider are WDCTA members



# 2022 EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

## I. Awards

- A. There shall be a Champion and Reserve Champion for Junior, Rider, and Open divisions at the following levels for **USEF-recognized shows**: Starter, Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, Preliminary/Training, Preliminary, Intermediate, Advanced.
- B. There shall be a Champion and Reserve Champion for Junior, Rider, and Open divisions at the following levels for WDCTA- and IDCTA-recognized **mini events**: Starter, Beginner Novice, Novice.
- C. The dressage scores from a combined test or three-phase event are eligible for the WDCTA 70% Club. WDCTA will award a certificate to the rider. Both owner and rider must be current WDCTA members. There is no fee for the 70% Club.

## II. Registration and Eligibility

- A. Horse/Rider combinations must be registered with the Awards Chair, fees paid and postmarked at least 1 day before a competition for the scores to qualify for awards.
- B. There shall be a \$25 registration fee for each horse/rider combination per division for the award year for recognized events, and a \$20 registration fee for each horse/rider combination per mini event division. If applying via PayPal, additional fees will be applied.
- C. The rider of the horse must be a member in good standing of WDCTA and USEA at the time the scores are earned. (Beginner Novice, Mini-Event, and 70% Club participants may be exempt from USEA membership, but both rider and owner must still be members of WDCTA at the time the scores are earned.) The riders should submit proof of their membership to WDCTA and USEA. The owners should submit proof of their membership in WDCTA.
- D. The Awards Chair must be notified in writing and fees paid if adding a level or division later in the year and prior to scores earned at that additional level.
- E. The award year is December 1 through November 30.

## III. Qualifications

- A. Only scores from USEA Events can be used to meet championship qualification (Mini-Event are exempt from this rule.) Send good quality copies of a USEA Score Print- Out/Rider Profile along with the eventing awards report form. Or send in a good quality copy of dressage test and the final standings (photograph of posted show standings is fine). For mini events, send in a quality copy of the dressage test and a photograph of posted show standings, or online link if that is applicable.

## Eventing Rules continued

- B. The horse/rider combination must submit at least three qualifying scores from three different events to be eligible. ¶
- C. A WDCTA report form with appropriate documentation (found on WDCTA website) must be forwarded to the Awards Chair. Scores must be postmarked on or before November 30. Scores may be submitted via email; a reply will be sent indicating your results were received. Scores may also be sent through the U.S. Postal Service. If you want notification that the awards chair received your scores when sent through the postal service, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with your score sheets. ¶
- D. The Awards Chair will average the three lowest penalty point scores, submitted by a rider, to determine the championship. NOTE: Each score must be a maximum of 50 at Starter through Training levels or a maximum of 60 at Preliminary and above. ¶

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**NOTE: No refunds after the awards application and payment are submitted.** ¶

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\*\*One form for each Horse and Rider combination. Please print neatly.\*\*

<b>HORSE INFORMATION</b>	
Name _____ Breed _____ Sex _____ Date of Birth _____	
<b>RIDER INFORMATION</b>	<b>OWNER INFORMATION</b>
Name _____	Name _____
Street Address _____	Street Address _____
City/St/Zip _____	City/St/Zip _____
Phone _____	Phone _____
Email _____	Email _____
<b>AWARD INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Rider Division (circle appropriate division, or circle both)</b>	
Open                  Adult Amateur                  JR/YG Rider	
<b>Eventing Award Level (circle all that apply):</b>	
Starter   Beginner   Novice                  Novice                  Trainer                  Preliminary                  Intermediate                  Advanced Combined Training Test                  New Event Horse Test                  4 & 5 YO Event Horse Test	
<b>Mini Event Level (circle all that apply):</b> Starter                  Beginner Novice                  Novice	
<b>Future Event Horse: (circle all that apply):</b> Young Horse Mare    Young Horse Colt/Gelding    Amateur Handler	
<b>Highest level horse shown by any rider in any country</b> _____	

### APPLICATION FEES

# Levels ____ @ \$25 each	\$
Freestyle Division @ \$25	
<b>NOTE: No refunds after the awards application and payment are submitted.</b>	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENT</b>	\$

### Sizes for possible awards:

Horse: Blanket \_\_\_\_\_ Halter \_\_\_\_\_ Rider: Jacket \_\_\_\_\_ Belt \_\_\_\_\_

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